

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are allowed. Claims 17-19 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enders et al. (6,319,787) in view of Gambino et al. (6,194,755). Claim 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

1. Rejection of claims 17 under 103(a):

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), for reasons of record that can be found on pages 2-3 in the Office action identified above, which is part of paper No.06242004.

To overcome this objection, Claim 17 has been amended. The limitation in Claim 20 that is found allowable by the Examiner has been added into Claim 17. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of the once-amended claim 17 is therefore respectfully requested.

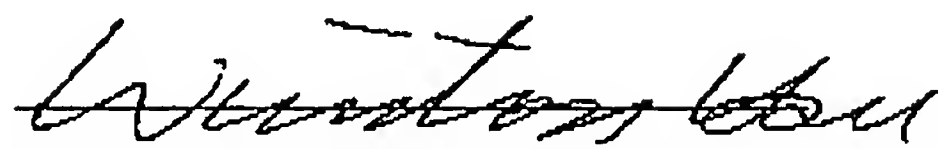
As Claims 18-19 and 21-23 are dependent upon the independent claim 17, they should be allowable if the amended claim 17 is allowed. Reconsideration of Claims 18-19 and 21-23 is therefore politely requested.

2. Rejection of Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112

To overcome this 112 rejection, Claim 17 has been amended. The antecedent problem has been solved. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of Claim 17 is therefore politely requested.

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